

The Office of the State Public Defender adopted new procedures for contract / conflict cases that involve the use of a private investigator in September, 2008.

Prior to any investigative work being conducted for the Office of the State Public Defender, private investigators must submit a Memorandum of Understanding and [Investigator's Summary of Education & Experience](#) to the Central Office. These forms are to be updated and resubmitted every two years.

The attorney requesting the investigation must submit the [Investigation Request](#) form to the Regional Deputy Public Defender in the appropriate region. For costs that are expected to exceed \$200, the [Request for Pre-Approval of Client Costs Investigator](#) is to be completed by the requesting attorney **prior** to the initiation of any investigative work, and forwarded to the Central Office.

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